

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, September 1, 2006 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. President Holt called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Steven A. Holt.

2007 Highway Budget

Mr. Brad Davis reviewed the 2007 budget cuts, as requested during the Council budget hearings. The initial request was for \$8,659,448 and he was requested to cut \$2.3 million for an adjusted budget of \$6,349,576. Altman stated COIT has been certified at a significantly higher number than expected, has the Auditor received any response back to your request for verification of the calculation? Ms. Robin Mills stated no. Altman stated a lot of this moving around is going to be a lot of the work for the Auditor. Altman asked Ms. Judy Levine if the Council has considered funding at the requested level? Levine stated the concern is the State coming back in 2008 and telling us the numbers are wrong. Altman asked Levine to discuss this with the Council. Davis stated the Council did say the money will be there in 2007 we will need to go back and ask for it.

Davis reviewed the proposed list of projects for Major Moves. Hamilton County expects to receive \$1,038,485 distributed in two pays, October 2006 and October 2007. This amount has not been certified by the State. Davis stated since small structures was cut from the 2007 budget he has put it in the Major Moves. Altman asked if we receive the COIT funding would you do a major project with Major Moves money? Davis stated yes, he would go back to his original submittal, which included \$700,000 for small structures. Altman recommended not approving the Major Moves plan until Council reconsiders its plan with COIT. We should be using Major Moves money for a specific project. Levine will ask Meredith Carter to call a Finance Committee meeting. Consensus of the Commissioners was to not approve the Major Moves projects, as presented.

Major Moves Projects (tentative):

- 96th and Mollenkopf to Fall Creek - \$200,000 for design and right of way acquisition. This is on the list of federal aid projects. Commissioners recommended keeping this project on federal list.
- Olio Road - 96th Street & 104th Street, 104th & Reservoir. Has been submitted for federal aid. Commissioners consensus was to leave Olio Road project in federal list.
- 136th Street and Prairie Baptist - \$100,000 for right of way. Federal Aid is for construction only.
- Small Structures Right of Way - \$100,000
- 236th Street - \$100,000 for Preliminary Engineering.

Altman asked Davis and Thurman to look at projects for Major Moves funding, assuming COIT is reinstated, for major projects and look at what federal money is available and what money Hamilton County would need to enhance our position for federal aid requests. Holt stated he would prefer we look at 146th Street West for the balance of Major Moves money, at least this years distribution. Holt asked Altman if she would support \$100,000 for engineering on 236th? Altman stated yes. Holt asked what could we accomplish with \$600,000 for 146th Street West? Davis stated he also had \$600,000 in the original COIT request. For \$1.2 million we could do 50% of the engineering. Thurman asked if we would design the entire segment or use the money to design it in segments and start buying right of way? Altman stated until we have construction money she does not want to start buying right of way. The total 146th Street West project is approximately 4 miles. Davis stated you also need to think about how you are going to pay for construction. If you are asking for federal money for construction they do not like to give out money for small segments. Consensus was to engineer the entire project (146th Street West).

146th Street Extension Project

Davis informed the Commissioners that there are two earmarks for funding of the 146th Street extension. The 2005 earmark is set. The 2006 money, which is the safety loop money, was in the 2006 Transportation Bill. When it was submitted to Congress it had the project description as 146th Street and I-69 Interchange. We asked that it be corrected. The corrections bill has not been heard by Congress. The federal highway administration is telling INDOT that they can not release that money until the corrections language has taken place. This is deferring the federal money that we thought we were getting in 2007 to 2008, pending the corrections bill. The \$11.4 million bond will be repaid first, with \$1.5 million coming from the City of Noblesville. There will be \$1.5 million that will be deferred to 2008 to pay off the \$11.4 million. The State fiscal year 2008 starts July 2007. Davis stated he has asked INDOT if we can show that the correction is in the pending bill would the money be released and INDOT told him that if we can show it they may be able to do advance us federal aid if they know the money is coming. We need to ask our lobbyist or someone to give us a document stating that the language is in the corrections bill.

Davis stated another issue is that the local federal aid agreement shows all of the federal money going to the trustee and the relinquishment money goes to the city and county. This is in conflict with the local federal aid agreement and we will need an amendment.

106th Street Detour

Davis requested Holt sign the INDOT letter verifying there was no damage on a detour they set up using 106th Street.

Mayflower Park

Davis stated he has received a request from Matt Urbanski, Browning Developers, asking if the county would be able to take over the roads in Mayflower Park. Davis stated those roads were built with a variance outside of the county standards. Davis told Mr. Urbanski he would have to make a formal request to the Commissioners.

Additional Appropriation

Davis stated the highway department has requested an additional appropriation of \$200,000 in Highway COIT for an expense incurred during the bond refinancing last year.

Utility Meeting

Davis stated they met with Duke Energy regarding the language in our utility reimbursement agreement. The county has agreed to communicate more frequently in regards to projects we have underway so they know of any major impacts as early as possible. Vectren has proposed new language for the agreement, which they will distribute to all of

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the utilities for their comments. Once the comments are sent back to Vectren, their attorney will come up with consensus language and then it will be presented to the highway department.

Holt adjourned the meeting.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
Judy Levine, Councilor
Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Joel Thurman, Highway Engineer
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

APPROVED
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ATTEST
